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SUBJ: GREEK VIEW ON FERRY BOAT SERVICE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREEK ISLANDS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF REQUEST (MAY 15) FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS FERRY BOAT SERVICE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREEK ISLANDS, DIMITRIS MACRIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CYPRUS-TURKEY AFFAIRS, MFA, ASSERTED THAT THERE HAD NEVER BEEN ANY INTERDICTION ISSUED BY GOG PREVENTING OPERATION SUCH VESSELS, WHETHER GREEK OR TURKISH. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH SERVICE HAD FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES CEASED SUBSEQUENT TO ONSET OF CYPRUS CRISIS LAST JULY AND AUGUST. HE CLAIMED HE UNAWARE OF RESUMPTION SUCH SERVICE BETWEEN KUSADASI AND AMOS (PARA 1 REFTTEL) ALTHOUGH HE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE. HE STRESSED THAT MATTER OF SUCH FERRY SERVICE STRICTLY DEPENDENT ON THE LOCAL COMMERCIAL AGENTS IN THE AREA AND IS NOT A MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

2. MACRIS DENIED FLATLY THAT GOG HAD RECEIVED ANY NOTE
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FROM GOT PROPOSING RESUMPTION OF FERRY SERVICE ON RECIPROCAL

BASIS BETWEEN GREEK AEGEAN ISLAND PORTS AND TURKISH
MAINLAND (PARA 2 REFTEL). IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS,
MACRIS STRESSED THAT GOG HAD ISSUED NO REPEAT NO
INTERDICTION RESTRICTING PASSAGE OF EITHER GREEK OR
TURKISH FERRY BOATS BETWEEN AEGEAN ISLANDS AND TURKISH
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